

Please do not allow NPRM 02-230, the "Broadcast Flag Mandate" (BFM), to go forward. It is the concepts of free speech, self determination, privacy and the pursuit of happiness that have made America great. BFM infringes into all these areas of American life.

If we want to keep the country at the forefront of technical innovation, economic and creative growth we must allow the small entrepreneur access into market spaces. Projects such as FSF's GNU Radio will be killed if this proposal goes forward, do not allow that to happen.

It is such projects that lower the barriers of entry for our small entrepreneurs and it is small business• that are the driving force of our economy; not the mega-global corporations that will end up getting legal protection from the proposal.

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